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Applicant : Eldridge et al.
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 13, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to August 13, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Attached at the end of this paper are copies of two Information Disclosure Statements previously filed and received by the PTO on April 1, 2003 and August 11, 2003.